Congress of the United States

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The Patients' Bill of Rights: Protection for patients, not HMOs

Dear Colleague:

On May 15, 2001, Senators Bill Frist, John Breaux and James Jeffords introduced legislation which they called a "balanced" compromise in patient protection. Well, we would sure like to see the scale they are using. We stand firmly behind our belief that any bill which places the interests of managed care ahead of the rights and health of patients is plainly unacceptable. Please take a moment to read this insightful column in the May 17, 2001 Wall Street Journal which rightly discusses the need for strong patient protection.

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